

Amendment submitted in response
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Remarks/Arguments

The amendments set forth herein are provided solely to clarify the invention as filed and set forth in the pending claims in order to comply with applicable statutes and regulations. The amendments are not intended to limit the invention or preclude the application of equivalents which Applicant may be entitled to under law.

Status of the Application

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections and objections set forth in the Office Action mailed on July 16, 2006.

The Examiner has rejected claims 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

The Examiner has further rejected claims 2 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite.

Applicant has canceled claim 21.

Applicant has added claim 22.

As such, claims 1-20, and 22 are pending in this application.

The Claims

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 18-20

The Examiner has rejected claims 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicant has amended claim 18 to provide a tangible result of a search, namely, "selecting a match from the one or more match indications based on the precedence, the match corresponding to one of the plurality of entries." Support for the proposed amendment may be found in ¶¶ 0027, 0031, and FIG. 6. That is, a table may be searched and a desired entry may be found based on a match as required by the amended claim.

Therefore, for at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's rejection is made moot and requests that the above rejection be removed. Claims 19-20 depend

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directly from independent claim 18 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons cited for claim 18.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 2 and 21

The Examiner has rejected claims 2 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses.

Applicant has amended claim 2 to remove the term "substantially." Therefore, for at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's rejection is made moot and requests that the above rejection be removed.

Applicant has canceled claim 21. Therefore, the Examiner's rejection is made moot for that claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

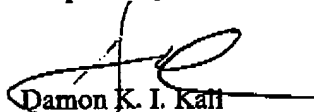
Claims 1 and 3-17

The Examiner is thanked for the allowance of claims 1 and 3-17.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application; the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees to process this Amendment, or credit any over-payments that may apply, to our Deposit Account No. 50-2421.

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